

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are active in the present application. The claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is added by these amendments. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

--3. (Amended) A textile floorcovering as claimed in claim 1 [or 2], wherein the structural components present in the polymer A) are from 60 to 99.9% by weight of ethylene and from 0.1 to 40% by weight of an ethylenically unsaturated acid, based on polymer A).

4. (Amended) A textile floorcovering as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3], claim 1 wherein the structural components present in the polymer B) are from 60 to 99.9% by weight of vinylaromatics, dienes or mixtures of these and from 0.1 to 20% by weight of an ethylenically unsaturated acid, based on polymer B).

5. (Amended) A textile floorcovering as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the adhesive also comprises a thickener.

7. (Amended) A textile floorcovering as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1, wherein the adhesive comprises less than 200 parts by weight, based on 100 parts by weight of the total of A) and B), of a filler.

8. (Amended) A textile floorcovering as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1, wherein no filler is present in the adhesive.

9. (Amended) A textile floorcovering as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1, which is a two-layer textile floorcovering in which a textile backing fabric has been adhesively bonded to a secondary backing.

10. (Amended) A textile floorcovering as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1, which is a tufted carpet.

11. (Amended) A process for producing a textile floorcovering as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 10] claim 1, which comprises applying from 20 g to 1000 g (dry) per m<sup>2</sup> of adhesive to one of the layer [sic] and adhesively bonding the layers to one another.--

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